

BRITISH PARTIES ARM FOR STRIFE

Final Battle Over Lords Is Near; Radicals Say Cripple Them.

TORIES ARE BADLY DIVIDED

While Coalition Closes Ranks, They Wrangle Over Referendum and Tariff—Some Seek Successor to Balfour, but Fail.

BY T. P. O'CONNOR. (Special Cable to the Oregonian from London, Jan. 14.—) Already all signs are pointing to the most momentous session of Parliament in many years.

The Liberal Ministers already have given notice that the Laborites and Radicals will have no tinker with the question of the reform of the House of Lords, and that that question could not be taken out of the programme without splitting up the ranks of the coalition.

The Laborites and Radicals are dead against the proposal even of a purely elective House of Peers as calculated to increase the strength of that body.

The Tories are divided on this as on everything else. The hitherto still shirk for a fight to the bitter end, and for forcing the creation of new peers, relying on the imaginary unwillingness of the King to consent to such a violent measure.

For the moment the internal bitter divisions of the Tories occupy more space in the papers than the intentions of the ministry. A. J. Balfour, feeling the strong break among his supporters, wrote a letter of explanation, but the situation is rather more gloomy.

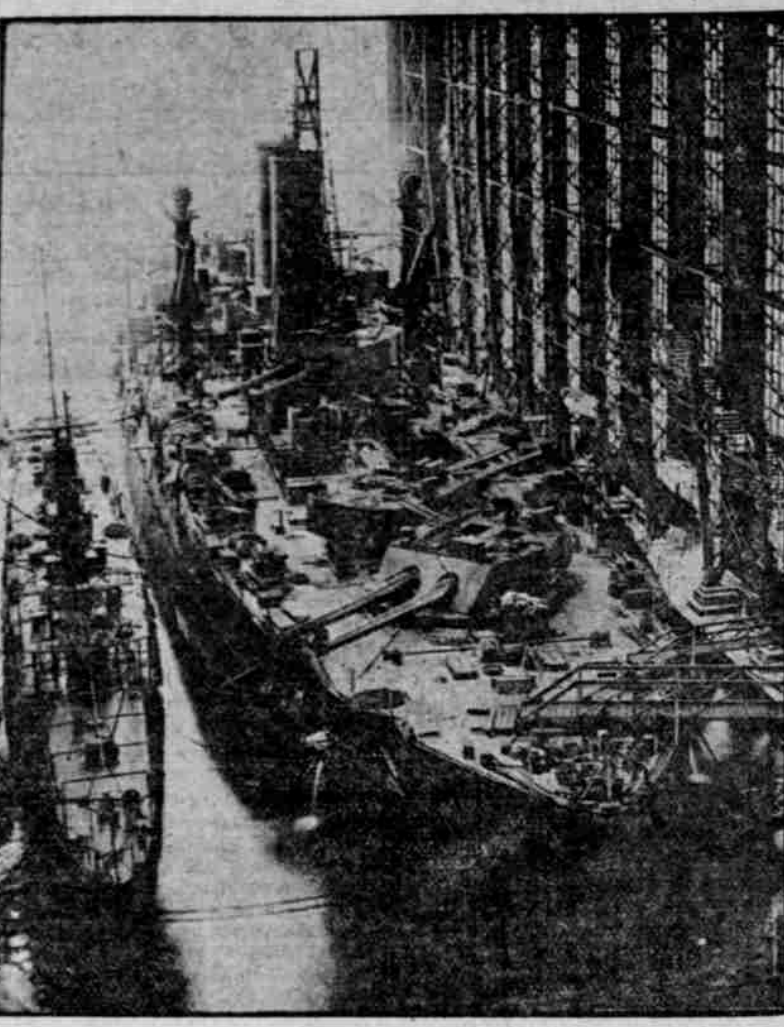
Balfour's letter was ingenious. It avoided all mention of a referendum for tariff reform, which is the real rock of irreconcilable difference between him and the tariff reformers.

The dispute over his leadership rages in the Tory ranks in opposite camps, and they are fighting each other with bitterness. The Daily Telegraph and Times and Garvin in the Observer all proclaim him the only possible leader, and contend that the pledge of a referendum must hold ground.

The recriminations weaken the Unionists for the fight, but Balfour still is regarded by impartial observers as unassailable for want of any man who can succeed him.

All of this will lead, I believe, to a final conference of the Unionists on the Home Rule fight and will enable Balfour to satisfy his followers with his sham fight on the House of Lords.

NEW BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED AT CAMDEN EXCELS IN BROADSIDE FIRE.



UNITED STATES SHIP ARKANSAS.

WARSHIP IS AFLOAT

Arkansas Launched; Miss Macon Breaking Bottle.

ALL BATTLESHIPS OUTDONE

Latest Addition to Navy Can Fire Greater Broadside Than Any Ship on Sea, Besides Rapid-Fire Guns and Torpedo Tubes.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—Splashed with the traditional bottle of champagne, the battleship Arkansas, the largest warship ever constructed in this country, was launched this afternoon from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J.

There was, however, quite a large delegation of Arkansians present. It included Representative and Mrs. Macon and other members of the Arkansas Congressional delegation.

Ship Has Greatest Gun-Power. The dimensions of the latest and largest addition to the navy are: Length over all, 562 feet; beam over armor, 93 feet, 2 5/8 inches; draft, 28 feet, 6 inches; displacement, 26,000 tons.

The contract for the ship calls for a speed of 20 1/2 knots an hour. When completed, the Arkansas will have the greatest broadside gun power of any ship afloat. The main armament will consist of twelve 12-inch guns, mounted in 6 heavy armor protected turrets.

RIVAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR SENATOR FROM NEW YORK.



W. F. Sheehan, of Buffalo.

total weight of broadside fire will be about 11,000 pounds. The Arkansas will be turbine-driven, and will have 25,000 horsepower. The vessel will be fitted for a flagship and her complement will consist of 53 officers and 1,020 men.

TOBACCO-GROWERS VOTING

Burley Districts Almost Unanimous Against Raising Crop.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 14.—Mass meetings are being held today in 40 counties of Kentucky in which white burley tobacco is produced to vote on the question as to whether the 1911 crop shall be eliminated, as provided for in resolutions adopted by the Burley Tobacco Union at the time of its organization here last week.

GIRL SAYS NO 21 TIMES. Insistent Suitor Makes His Last Proposal in Court.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—General Riondi is waiting in jail here for an opportunity to make his 23d proposal of marriage to Nunziata Cesarina. He made his 21st proposal yesterday and did it in open court.

Utah Plans Fair Exhibit. SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 14.—A bill was introduced in the lower house of the State Legislature today providing for an appropriation of \$200,000 for a state exhibit at the Panama Exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915.

August Van Loo Buried. FOREST GROVE, Ore., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The funeral of August Van Loo, for many years a prominent member of the Verboort community, north of Forest Grove, was held today from his late home. He was 53 years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

BOBBY FLEES INTO SHEEHAN'S CAMP

Cram, Murphy's Best Friend, Declares He Would Represent Interests.

MURPHY AFRAID OF RIVAL

Declaration of Tammany Boss's Confidant Means Sheehan May Be Dropped as Likely to Assume State Leadership.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Politicians were astonished today by an interview credited to J. Sergeant Cram, social member and nearest friend of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall.

Murphy to Drop Sheehan. A statement from Cram alone would not attract a second's attention in Tammany, but if Cram speaks with the voice of Murphy as Tammany followers believe, the meaning attached to the statement is that Murphy has decided to drop Sheehan.

FLAGSHIP GOES HOME. California Will Be Placed Under Command of Thomas.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 14.—The flagship California, of the Pacific fleet, left here at 9 o'clock tonight, about 400 men short of its usual complement. This was due to the fact that the sailing orders came suddenly and were entirely unexpected and the men were on 48-hour leave.

WILSON FOR POPULAR CHOICE. Issue Between Government for Public and Private Interests.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 14.—Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson tonight delivered his second speech in support of the candidacy of James E. Smith, Jr., who is seeking the toga. Mr. Wilson said in part: "The issue is perfectly plain. It is between two systems of government."

Surgical Operations. They Failed to Cure Painful Ulcers.

H. E. Boardman, Yonkers, N. Y., writes: "I suffered from severe pains in my eyes, caused by ulcers, and doctored a great deal and underwent three operations, but failed to get permanent relief. I tried Hood's Sarsaparilla. I can not too highly praise this remedy. It restored, everything is done in public and through the action of the people themselves."

maries. At them, 70,000 Democrats spoke their preference. "I am not presuming to suggest a man for Senator, but supporting the popular choice, and the popular choice has fallen upon a genuine man of the people."

MONTANA DEADLOCK UNBROKEN. First Week Sees No Change in Senatorial Situation.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 14.—The first week of the Senatorial deadlock ended today with a general distribution of complimentary votes, and an election as remote as it was the day before the first ballot was taken.

ELECTION MAY BE BLOCKED. Colorado Democrats Want Progressive Laws Before Senator.

DENVER, Jan. 14.—The Post today says Democratic Legislators with progressive ideas are organizing a flying wedge for the purpose of blocking the election of a United States Senator by the late Charles J. Hughes until certain platform pledges of the party have been enacted into law—recall, headless ballot, guaranty of bank deposits, public service, registration, anti-pass and rate-making bills.

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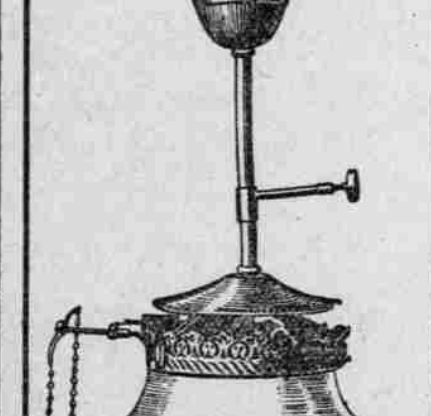
DEATH IS BAFFLING. Ferryboat Tragedy Continues to Mystify Experts.

WIDOW DENIES SUICIDE. Mrs. Norton Declares Husband Was Victim of Assassin Who Had Mistaken Him for Another Man.

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for yourself, your wife or any member of the family. With one big shipment of Woollens direct from Huddersfield, England, that went astray and was sent to Portland, Maine, now on hand, and a second shipment of Spring and Summer cloths arriving unusually early, I am obliged to adopt some such plan of diminishing my line of Fall and Winter Woollens.

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